

# Merchant & Gould

An Intellectual Property Law Firm

3200 IDS Center  
80 South Eighth Street  
Minneapolis, Minnesota  
55402-2215 USA  
TEL 612.332.5300  
FAX 612.332.9081  
www.merchant-  
gould.com

A Professional Corporation

Fax Transmission | <sup>27</sup> May 27, 2003

TO: Commissioner for Patents  
Attn: Examiner Eileen P. Morgan  
Patent Examining Corps  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

FROM: James A. Larson

OUR REF: 3616.177USII  
TELEPHONE: 612.336.4708

Total pages, including cover letter: 28

PTO FAX NUMBER 1-703-872-9303

If you do NOT receive all of the pages, please telephone us at 612.332.5300, or fax us at 612.332.9081.

Title of Document Transmitted:

Supplemental Information Disclosure  
Statement, Form 1449, Ref. No.  
EP 0 294 267 A1 with translation

Applicant: Scherer et al.  
Serial No.: 09/691,864  
Filed: October 19, 2000  
Group Art Unit: 3723  
Our Ref. No.: 3616.177USII

Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2725. Please consider this a PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME for a sufficient number of months to enter these papers, if appropriate.

By:

Name: James A. Larson

Reg. No.: 40,443

I hereby certify that this paper is being transmitted by facsimile to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on the date shown below.

James A. Larson  
[Signature]  
Signature

May 27, 2003  
Date

FAX RECEIVED  
MAY 27 2003  
GROUP 3700

#10/105

S/N 09/691,864

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:	SCHERER ET AL.	Examiner:	E. MORGAN
Serial No.:	09/691,864	Group Art Unit:	3723
Filed:	OCTOBER 19, 2000	Docket No.:	3616.177USII
Title:	BLOCK SPLITTING ASSEMBLY AND METHOD		

FAX RECEIVED  
MAY 27 2003  
GROUP 3700CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR 1.6(d):

I hereby certify that this paper is being transmitted by facsimile to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on May 27, 2003.

By: 

Name: James A. Latten

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b))

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner.

This statement should be considered because it is submitted before the mailing of a first Office Action after the filing of a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 or a CPA under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d). Accordingly, no fee is due for consideration of the items listed on the enclosed Form 1449.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2), a copy of EP 0294 267 A1 listed on the enclosed Form 1449 is provided. This reference was previously submitted on January 19, 2001 with an English abstract. We are now submitting this reference with an English translation

No representation is made that a reference is "prior art" within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103 and Applicants reserve the right, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 or otherwise, to establish that the reference(s) are not "prior art." Moreover, Applicants do not represent that a reference has been thoroughly reviewed or that any relevance of any portion of a reference is intended.

Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked

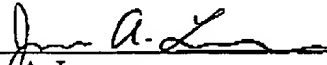
as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2725.

Respectfully submitted,

MERCHANT & GOULD P.C.  
P.O. Box 2903  
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55402-0903  
(612) 332-5300

Date: May 27, 2003

  
James A. Larson  
Reg. No. 40,443  
JAL:PSTklg

